



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

Feb 7	4th & 5th Grade Arts Showcase
Feb 9	Brooks BRAVO Field Trip
Feb 18	PTO Pancake Breakfast
Feb 20	No School - Presidents Day
April 3	Science Fair

Dear Families,

Students and special area staff have been working hard to prepare for the 4th and 5th Grade Specials Night which will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 6 p.m. Please have students attend the specials night dressed casually (no dress shoes) so they can dance for music and move for P.E.! If any of you are interested in helping with the event (traffic flow, fund raising, video taping, etc.) please email Mrs. Karia at akaria@op97.org.

We will take a field trip to Brooks on Thursday, February 9th to see the BRAVO performance of Dear Edwina. If your child has not returned a permission slip to their homeroom teacher, please have them do so as soon as possible. The permission slip is on the 5th grade wiki under the Field Trip Information link. Also, please be sure students are dressed for the weather on Thursday as we will be walking to Brooks.

Specials

Art - Most 5th Graders have artwork on display at the Oak Park Public Library through the month of December. Come see our surrealistic self-portraits completed in the style of Renaissance artist Arcimboldo Giuseppe. The artwork is downstairs in the "Art Alcove" in the Children's Section. www.owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com

Music - The 5th Grade Specials Night is coming on Tuesday, February 7th. Please save the date! (More information to come later)

Spanish - Students are working with the story *Carlos y los Tres Monstruos*.
www.mpoleski.blogspot.com

Library - Information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

Physical Education - Please see Mr. Williams' link (www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com) for information.



Reading/Literature TREASURES - UNIT 3

This week students will be taking the Treasures Unit 3 Assessment. There will be no spelling or grammar homework due to the assessment.

LITERATURE CIRCLES

Students will begin the second round of literature circles this week. Books will be checked out to students on Monday and students are expected to begin reading. Group discussions will take place once a week on Wednesdays.

Language Arts

Writing Focus: Students should have the graphic organizer packet and the rough draft of their expository essays done by Monday, February 13th. I will be checking in class on Monday the 13th to make sure they are finished with their rough drafts. The week of February 13th, we will revise and edit our essays and begin publishing them in class using the netbooks. Final papers are due Friday, February 17th. Students may need to finish typing their essays at home if they do not make enough progress in class.

Grammar Focus: None - Unit 3 Assessment

Math

Students completed the geometry and measurement unit test today. Graded tests will be returned to students early next week. Tomorrow, we will begin Unit 6, which will cover data (statistical landmarks and graphing). This week, we will review statistical landmarks, and also learn to plot data on a stem and leaf plot.

It is important that every 5th grade student has a calculator. Because of its fraction capabilities, we recommend the TI-15 calculator. We still have some available for purchase at a cost of \$16.

Science

Today we reviewed the concepts of volume and capacity in anticipation of our next set of variables investigations. Next week, we will construct paper lifeboats and identify variables that can affect the number of passengers a lifeboat can hold without sinking. There will be a short quiz on Friday covering volume and capacity.

Students continue working on Science Fair projects. The hypothesis and experimental procedure are due this Friday. Students have a research paper template and sample investigation research papers. They can refer to these for examples of a hypothesis and experimental procedure. The documents are also posted on the Science page of the 5th grade wiki.

Social Studies

This week, we will begin our in-class project to complete a timeline of the American Revolution on our fifth grade bulletin board. We will discuss the French and Indian War, the Boston Massacre, and the Boston Tea Party. Students also will receive their part to memorize for *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere*.

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